

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Norman et al.	)	Examiner: Baskar, Padmavathi V.
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Serial No.	10/712,654	)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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Filed:	November 12, 2003	)	Confirmation No. 8961
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For:	ASSAY AND COMPOSITIONS	)	Docket No.: GP141-03.UT
	FOR DETECTION OF BACILLUS	)	
	ANTHRACIS NUCLEIC ACIDS	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed on June 7, 2006, Applicants amend the application as shown herein and request reconsideration of the application. This amendment is being filed with authorization to debit the required fees for a one-month extension of time.